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Arrests in Riverside gun store robbery

Riverside, CA – Riverside Police have arrested three suspects in the January 28 armed robbery of a Riverside gun store. Some of the stolen weapons have been recovered at this point. Investigation continues.

On Monday, January 28, 2008, at approximately 6:15 p.m., employees reported that four armed men robbed the Centerfire Firearms store in the 3500-block of Central Avenue in Riverside.

At 6:06 p.m., the four suspects rushed into the store and ordered everyone to lay on the floor. The suspects were armed with handguns and had their faces concealed. Three customers and three employees were in the store at the time of the robbery. None of them were injured during the hold-up. The suspects stole wallets from the customers and workers, and removed approximately 50 handguns from the display cases. They fled the store and ran to a waiting car.

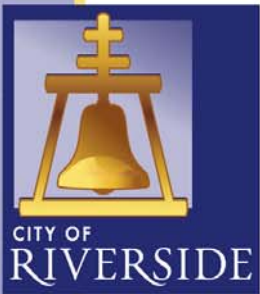
On Wednesday, January 30, Riverside Police Detectives located a primary suspect in the Mead Valley area of Riverside County. Members of the FBI's Inland Regional Apprehension Team (IRAT) followed the suspect to Mission Grove Center where Kenneth Lamar TUCKER, 20, of Riverside, was arrested without incident. A gun from the robbery was seized at Tucker's residence. Detectives developed additional information regarding suspects and potential locations.

On Thursday morning, January 31, members of the Riverside Police SWAT/METRO Team served search warrants on three locations, one in the La Sierra area of the city and two at apartments in Moreno Valley. Meanwhile, the Riverside Police Gang Unit and the Parole and Corrections Team (PACT), located suspects at a motel on Sunnymead Boulevard in Moreno Valley. Two additional suspects, Reginald Edward CRUTCHFIELD, 20, of Moreno Valley and Patrick BOOKER, 19, of Riverside, were arrested at the motel. Additional firearms were also recovered.

Police are seeking another individual, Keith Crutchfield, 19, for questioning.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to call Riverside Police Detectives Mike Medici at (951) 353-7104 or James Brandt at (951) 353-7137.





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